



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

July 28, 2019

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

— 2 Corinthians 4.5

# WORSHIPPING THE GOD WHO CALMS OUR FEARS

**Liturgist:** Mr. Matt Pannkuk

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Steve O'Neal

**Scripture Reader:** Amy Mitchell

## Quotes and Reflections

“If there is a personal God, as the Christians say, who spoke this universe into being, then there is a certain respect and reverence and wonder and dread that would have to come through when we talk about him. And certainly we would be talking about him all the time since he is the most important reality.”

— Albert Einstein

“Different people fear different things with different levels of intensity, but all of us fear what we cannot control. . . . Fear is provoked when the threat of danger exposes our inability to preserve what we most deeply cherish.”

— Dan Allender

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future, as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds  
still know His voice  
Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

—Katharina von Schlegel

# Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

As we prepare to worship the God who calms our fears, here is a quote from Tim Keller on “fear of the Lord” to reflect on:

“When we go to the Old Testament, where the term ‘the fear of the Lord’ is very common, we come upon some very puzzling usages. Often the fear of the Lord is linked with great joy. Proverbs 28:14 tells us that ‘Happy is the one who feareth always.’ How can someone who is constantly in fear be filled with happiness? Perhaps most surprising is Psalm 130:4, where the Psalmist says, ‘Forgiveness comes from you – therefore you are feared.’ Forgiveness and grace increase the fear of the Lord. Other passages tell us that we can be instructed and grow in the fear of the Lord (2 Chronicles 26:5; Psalm 34:11), that it is characterized by praise, wonder, and delight (Psalm 40:3; Isaiah 11:3). How can that be? One commentator on Psalm 130 puts it like this: “Servile fear [being scared] would have been diminished, not increased, by forgiveness...The true sense of the ‘fear of the Lord’ in the Old Testament [then]...implies relationship.”

Obviously, to be in the fear of the Lord is not to be scared of the Lord, even though the Hebrew word has overtones of respect and awe. ‘Fear’ in the Bible means to be overwhelmed, to be controlled by something. To fear the Lord is to be overwhelmed with wonder before the greatness of God and his love. It means that, because of his bright holiness and magnificent love, you find him ‘fearfully beautiful.’ That is why the more we experience God’s grace and forgiveness, the more we experience a trembling awe and wonder before the greatness of all that he is and has done for us. Fearing him means bowing before him out of amazement at his glory and beauty. Paul speaks of the love of Christ ‘constraining’ us (2 Corinthians 5:14). What is it that most motivates and moves you? Is it the desire for success? The pursuit of some achievement? The need to prove yourself to your parents? The need for respect from your peers? Are you largely driven by anger against someone or some people who have wronged you? Paul says that if any of these things is a greater controlling influence on you than the reality of God’s love for you, you will not be in a position to serve others unselfishly. Only out of the fear of the Lord Jesus will we be liberated to serve one another.”

## Song of Preparation

*Just As I Am, without One Plea*  
Trinity Hymnal #501 (vv. 1, 3, 6)

### **\*Call to Worship—Psalm 147: 1-3, 5, 7, 10-11**

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

**People: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!**

Leader: His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

**All: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**



# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## Old Testament Reading—Psalm 85

*The community of the people of God lament, crying out for restoration*

LORD, you were favorable to your land;

you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people;

you covered all their sin.

You withdrew all your wrath;

you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

and put away your indignation toward us!

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again,

that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;

but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

that glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground,

and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him

and make his footsteps a way.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

# WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

## **Call to Confession—Proverbs 29:25**

"The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe."

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom 8:31-34**

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His saving power!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

**People: And also with you!**



# \*Song of Rejoicing

Isaiah 43

Composer Unknown

1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you  
2. When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned.

And the waves will not ov - er - come you. Do not fear. For  
And the flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear. For

I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine  
I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

**Women:** I am the Lord your God \_\_\_\_\_

**Men:** For I am the Lord your God \_\_\_\_\_ I am the Lord Your

**Unison:** God I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el Your

**Women:** I am the Lord your

Sa - vior. **Men:** For I am the Lord your God \_\_\_\_\_



28 Cadd9 God \_\_\_\_\_ God Em A

I am the Lord Your God **Unison:** I am the Ho - ly One of

31 Em A G Cadd9 A D D/C#  
**Women:** Do not

Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior **Men:** I am the Lord

35 D/B D/A G D/F# Em A D D/C#  
 fear Do not fear Do not

I am the Lord I am the Lord

39 D/B D/A G D/F# Em A  
 fear Do not fear

I am the Lord

# WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## Pastoral Prayer

## Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church in the 1st/2nd grade classroom.)

## Offertory Song (Ensemble)

*Jesus is the Answer*  
 Walter Robinson

# **Sermon**

"It is I"

John 6:16-21

Rev. Nate Taylor

# WE DECLARE OUR INTENT TO PURSUE GOD'S PURPOSES IN OUR LIVES BY HIS BLESSING

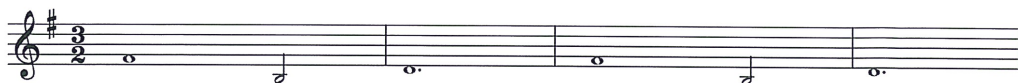
## \*Song of Response

### *He Will Hold Me Fast*

Ada Ruth Habershon and Matthew Merker

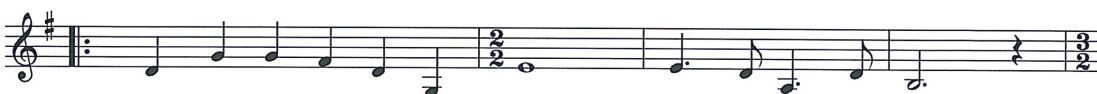
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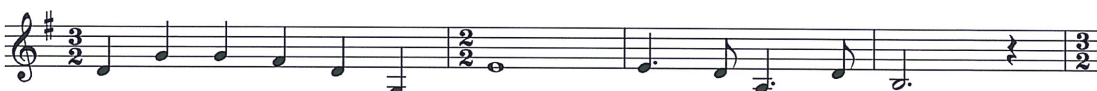
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5 G G/B C D G



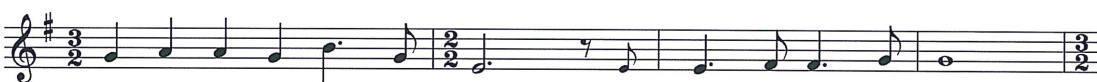
1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

9 G/B C D G



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.

13 Em D/F# G C B Em



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;

17 D/F# G/B C D G



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

CHORUS

22 C D Em D/F# G



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

26 TURNAROUND

Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C D Gmaj<sup>7</sup> G/B

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

30 VERSE 3

C<sup>2</sup> Gmaj<sup>7</sup> G/B C<sup>2</sup> Em<sup>9</sup> C

3. For my life He bled and died,

35 C/E D/F# G Em<sup>9</sup> C

Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

39 D G Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

43 B Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

47 CHORUS

D G C D Em

when He comes at last! \_\_\_\_\_ He will hold me fast,

52 D/F# G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C

He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me so,

56 ENDING

1. D G 2. D G

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.

61 Am<sup>9</sup> G/B C G/B Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7sus</sup> G

**\*Benediction**

**These are just announcement highlights. If you'd like to know more about Trinity, connect with us in one of the following ways...**

• 314/821-7311 • [www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org](http://www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org) • Facebook: Trinity Church Kirkwood

Worship and General Church Information

- **Sunday school is on summer hiatus.** We will resume in August.
- **No Student Ministry** events this week.
- **Volunteers next week:** Nursery: Polski, Poe, Behnke, Sippel, Kling. Ushers: Younger, O'Neal, Lackey, Standerfer.
- **Ladies, now is the time to invite your friends** to our TWO exciting events on Fri. evening, Aug. 16th and Sat. morning, Aug. 17th with guest speaker and author, Christina Fox! Both are free, but please RSVP to Amy Mitchell so we can prepare accordingly. More info can be found on the table in the hall.
- **Mom's Night**, THIS Friday, Aug. 2nd at 7:30pm at Ruth Harlow's.
- **Scripture Readers needed.** Please see sign up sheet on the hall table.
- **Parents:** We would greatly appreciate it if you would help us care for our instruments and sound equipment by **not allowing your children on the stage or to play with the instruments.**
- Men's Night takes place at 8pm on the 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month at Chris Freemans. **The next gathering will be Aug. 7th (not this Wed.).**
- **Prayer gathering this Friday** at 7:30am in the fireplace room. All are welcome!
- **Trinity Kid's Connect (membership class)** will take place on **Sept. 14th from 9-11:30am at Trinity.** If you have a child reading age through 5th grade, who is interested in becoming a communing member of Trinity, please contact Pastor Nate or Pastor Ben.
- Mark your Calendars for Trinity's annual **Party on the Lawn, Sat., September 28th** at 5pm. Bring your friends and family for a free food, live entertainment, games, and more!

## Visiting with us today?

We are glad you are here! We would love to reach out to you (not in a nagging way) this week. Please fill out a card in the seat pockets and place in the offering basket or hand to an usher or pastor, or text your name to: **314-384-2444**.

We are happy your little ones are here too. They are welcome throughout the worship service, but if you prefer we offer:

- Nursery care for children 6 weeks through pre-school age.
- Children's Church gathers in the 1st & 2nd gr. classroom (room 111) during the offering for ages 4yrs through 2nd grade (and stays there for the remainder of the service).
- The worship service is streamed to the Fireplace Room for nursing moms.

If you are not able to find seats in the sanctuary, overflow is set up in the Youth Room.

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Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to **exalt** God's name, **establish** God's people, **equip** God's church and **engage** God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.

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